

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

28 November 2021

Dear Friends in Christ,

It was December, and another Christmas was at our throats. That was the dim view of all things Yule taken by the English humorist P.G. Wodehouse, and it is a sentiment most of us can readily understand. To avoid the frenzy which induces that feeling, we need to grasp what the Grinch perceived with wonder from the summit of Mount Crumpit: That Christmas "came without ribbons; it came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags." And the very best way to arrive at this insight is to keep a holy Advent.

The twin peaks of the liturgical year are Easter and Christmas, and both of these celebrations are preceded by a period of preparation. The purple of penance must come before the gold of glory revealed in Christ's birth and Resurrection, and this is where the cultural and secular observance of Christmas can get in the way of a good Advent. On the radio and at the mall, Christmas has already been at our throats for some time, but today is just the first Sunday of Advent. And on December 26th when the Church is only beginning to celebrate the liturgical season of Christmas, evergreen trees will begin to pile up on the curb and Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer will disappear until next Halloween. Let's just say STOP!

We now have four weeks in which to ponder the profound mystery of Christ coming to us for our salvation. In the past he did come to suffer and die for us. In the present he does come in Word and Sacrament to strengthen us in holiness. And in the future he will come in glory to judge the living and the dead. All three of these "advents" are part of this beautiful season of the liturgy, and if we attend to the Church's rhythm of prayer, penance and preparation, then when Christmas Eve arrives, we will not be exhausted; we will be elated.

So, how to do this? 1) Get an Advent wreath and light it at home each night while praying the Collect from Mass that day. 2) Pray the Liturgy of the Hours, particularly each Sunday afternoon at 5 pm here in the church. 3) Come to Mass on weekdays as often as possible during Advent. Weekday Mass has a quiet, meditative quality that steals into our hearts and minds, and Advent is deeply enriched by Mass each day. 4) Encourage your family and friends to think of things other than packages, boxes or bags. Make a donation in someone's name to Catholic Charities or Catholic Relief Services. Write a letter to someone you love to tell them so. Volunteer to serve someone in need. 5) Go to Confession so that your Christmas Communion will truly be holy.

December is at hand, but another Christmas need not be at our throats. It can be in our hearts with joy beyond all telling if we prepare to celebrate the Birth of the Messiah with a worthy Advent.

Father Newman



MASS COLLECTS FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

(May be used at home when lighting your Advent Wreath)

Sunday 28 November

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Advent Week 1

Candle Name: Prophet's Candle Candle Symbolizes: Hope Reminds us: Jesus is coming

"Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, he who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles hope."

Romans 15.12

Monday 29 November

Keep us alert, we pray, O Lord our God, as we await the advent of Christ your Son, so that, when he comes and knocks, he may find us watchful in prayer and exultant in his praise. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Tuesday 30 November

Look with favor, Lord God, on our petitions, and in our trials grant us your compassionate help, that, consoled by the presence of your Son, whose coming we now await, we may be tainted no longer by the corruption of former ways. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Wednesday 1 December

Prepare our hearts, we pray, O Lord our God, by your divine power, so that at the coming of Christ your Son we may be found worthy of the banquet of eternal life and merit to receive heavenly nourishment from his hands. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Thursday 2 December

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come to our help with mighty strength, that what our sins impede the grace of your mercy may hasten. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Friday 3 December

Stir up your power, we pray, O Lord, and come, that with you to protect us, we may find rescue from the pressing dangers of our sins, and with you to set us free, we may be found worthy of salvation. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Saturday 4 December

O God, who sent your Only Begotten Son into this world to free the human race from its ancient enslavement, bestow on those who devoutly await him the grace of your compassion from on high, that we may attain the prize of true freedom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Join us for the singing of Solemn Vespers on 28 November and 5, 12 & 19 December at 5 pm.

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions	Meetings & Events *	Financial Report
Sunday 28 November	Sunday 28 November	Weekend of 20/21 November
7.30 am★ Kelly McGuire9.00 am★ Lisa Watkins11.00 amPro populo1.00 pmSpanish Mass	No Nursery or 3 & 4 Year Olds Class 11.00 am Spanish Bible Class (M/G)	Needed36,625Received37,344Surplus+ 719
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7.00 am Kristen Armaly	6.00 pm Confirmation Practice (chur No Scouts Meeting	rch)
Tuesday 30 November	Tuesday 30 November	Offertory Year to Date Needed 769,125
7.00 am ♣ Frank & Frances Watkins	6.30 pm Confirmation (church)	Received 778,419 Surplus + 9,294
Wednesday 1 December	Wednesday 1 December	
7.00 am ✤ Manuel Jose Soto	 7.30 am SMS Mom's Bible Study 9.30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study 5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour & Confessions (church) 6.30 pm Religious Education 6.30 pm Introduction to Catholicism (RCIA) 	Study Study Study Electronic Giving: If you want to have direct management of your Electronic Fund Transfer online, you can now do so through the "Make a Gift" link on the homepage of our website. For more information or if
Thursday 2 December	Thursday 2 December	you have any questions please contact Jennifer Anderson at
7.00 am ♣ Ryan Kallison Prince	7.00 pm Spanish Adoration	jennifer.anderson@stmarysgvl.org.
Friday 3 December	Friday 3 December	
7.00 am Karen & Stephen Polce & Family	 5.30-6.30 am Pillars of Christ (early grou 6.30-6.45 am Morning Prayer (Lauds) 7.30-8.30 am Pillars of Christ (late group 10.00 am Friday Morning Bible Study 12.00 pm Birthright Volunteer Information Meeting 7.00 pm Spanish Rosary 	Capital Campaign \$7 Million to Raise 2019 to 2023
Saturday 4 December	Saturday 4 December	Donations 3,886,107 Received
5.00 pm Mary Elise Gevaert	 8.00-9.00 am Rosary - Grove Rd abortion clinic 3.00 pm KofC Basketball Free Throw Championship (gyn 3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church) SMCCW Bake Sale after 5.00 pm Mass (P 	
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jennifer.anderso	on@stmarysgvl.org.	

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Donations Received	3,886,107
Pledge Balance	819,549
Still to Go	2,294,344

Prayer Requests

Please pray for all those who are hospitalized and for all those who are shut-ins, ill or recuperating at home, especially Paulina Cruz, Brett Gervais, Michael Pinto, Joseph & Sandy Srp, Marie-Therese Isidore, Carlton Carpenter, Jim Barber, Mauren Lukovic, Christine Tancrell, Celsea Patry, John Tyler, Hunter Conant, Lori Wylie, Kenneth & Nancy Tessier, Patricia O'Leary, Robert Brown, Juliet Roy, Chris Papademitriou, Jeannine Harvey, Ellen Plowden, Mary Stillmock, Shelby Gaschler, James Smith, Anna Deehan, Nancy Laliberty, Julie Birello, Fr Louis Marie Leonelli, Amal Long, Marilyn Postell, Sofia Alvarez, Marilyn Gleaton, Ann Howard, Carl Lee Cooke, Rose Cain, Joseph M Pazdan, Konta & Laman Patel, Timothy Potocki, Mary Jo Falkosky, Sloane Perkins, Annette Marino and Corinne Henderson.

Christmas Flower Memorials



St Mary's parishioners are encouraged to participate in helping to decorate our church, gym and Gallivan Hall for the Christmas liturgies. Each year we set up a Christmas Flower Fund for that purpose. If you wish to honor a loved one, living

or deceased, please send in your donation in the Christmas Flower envelope available in your envelope packet (or use a plain white envelope). <u>Please print</u> your name and the names of those whom you wish to honor. Memorial requests must be submitted to the church office no later than **Sunday 19 December** for the names to appear in the Christmas Flower list. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Immaculate Conception - 8 December Holy Day of Obligation

We will celebrate three Masses for the Immaculate Conception, the patronal feast of the Church in the United States, on Wednesday 8 December at 7.00 am, 12.00 noon & 7.00 pm.

Project Host Volunteer Day



Monday 29 November has been designated as "St Mary's Volunteer Day" at Project Host from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm. If you've been looking for a good way to give during this Thanksgiving and Advent season, either as an individual or family, this would be a great way to share

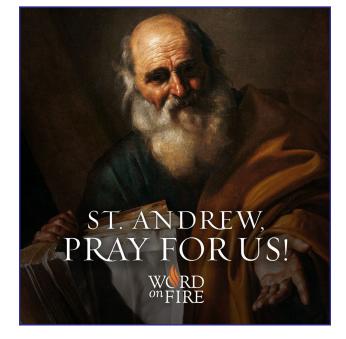
some of the blessings the Lord has given you with those who have not been so blessed. For planning purposes, if you would like to join us for this day of service, please contact Deacon John Heuser at john.heuser@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4113.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 27/28 November

Forward in Faith Capital Campaign Support of the Parish

St Mary's is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners.



Thanksgiving Schedule Changes

After the 7.00 am Mass on Friday 26 November the church will be closed all day. The parish office will be closed on Friday will reopen on Monday 29 November at 9.00 am.

Congratulations to

Avila Bernadette LaRochelle who was baptized last weekend.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Marvin & Susan McDaris, Michael & Sarah Cullen, Edmund Cyr, Joe & Laura Long, Bradley & Jessica Weaver and Gabrielle Bernier.



St Mary's School - AmazonSmile

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Sign into your Amazon account, and select St Mary's Catholic School as your

organization of choice. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products. you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile.

https://smile.amazon.com/ch/57-0426237

Mass Intentions

All Masses have been filled for the remainder of 2021. The earliest available Mass intention is in July 2022. To schedule a Mass intention (for English Masses), email Sarah Perkins at sarah.perkins@stmarysgvl.org.

Spiritual Direction

St Mary's has three certified Catholic Spiritual Directors available for individual spiritual direction. Contact Deacon Tom Whalen at thomas.whalen@stmarysgvl.org.

Birthright Volunteers

BIRTHRIGHT of Greenville

Interested in volunteering for Birthright of Greenville? The director of Birthright, Meg Kocher, will host an informational

meeting at St Mary's to answer questions and learn how you can volunteer to help local pregnant mothers in need on Friday 3 December at 12.00 Noon in the Msgr Gwynn Room of Sacred Heart Hall. Please click the evite link to RSVP: https://evite.me/VXVC96Ujdv

Knights of Columbus

Free Throw Championship



Monsignor Charles J Baum Council #13112 will hold its Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship for Boys and Girls ages 9-14 (as of 1/1/22) at St Mary's Gym on Saturday 4 December at 3.30 pm. Entry forms can be obtained

from Megan Holliday and John McGrath. Secondary school athletes should check with their school athletic director about eligibility. For more information, please contact John McGrath at 864.292.0475.



Food Drive - We Thank You!!



Catholic Charities Our Lady's Food Pantry and the Knights of Columbus thank the parishioners of St Mary's for their generous support of our Thanksgiving Food Drive! Your donations of grocery products resulted in receipt of an inspiring number of requested items totaling 1,388

pounds of goods, and cash/check donations amounting to \$185. Our hearts are filled with gratitude. With your help, we will be able to ensure those we serve will have access to nourishing food over the holidays. On behalf of our staff and pantry volunteers, we thank you for supporting our mission to serve those most in need!

Introducing the 2021 St. Mary's Window Ornament: "Bell Tower of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Greenville, SC		
"Bell Tower Crosses"		
Located in the Bell Tower of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Greenville, SC		
	Purchase and Pick Up at the Annual Christmas Bake Sale Saturday and Sunday December 4 - 5, 2021 Dining Room of Pazdan Hall	
	Ornament Description	
GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA	Front:top:St. Mary's Catholic Churchbottom:Greenville, South Carolinaleft side:20right side:21Back:"Hymn: What Child is This" plus verseSize:2.32" width x 3.23" height	
Keep For Your Records: Date:		
Number of Ornaments x \$20.00 (cash/check) or \$21.00 (credit card) each = \$ Paid by: \Box check # \Box cash \Box credit card Total Amount For ornament questions contact: Lori Knoblauch at lbk@venture-aviation.com or 864.275.3131		
Sponsored by the St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women Each Catholic woman can help build the church community by participating in a council of Catholic women. There are opportunities for every woman to participate! For information contact: President Karoline O'Rourke at karolineorourke@gmail.com or 864.630.3462		
Cut along dotted line below and submit coupon with payment. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!		
SMCCW 2021 ORNAMENT ORDER FORM PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY: Name		
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MAIL CHECKS ONLY! (DO NOT MAIL CASH) Make check payable to: St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women Mail to: St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women, P.O. Box 1505, Greenville, SC 29602		

Mobile Clean of Heart



Catholic Charities is gearing up to resume operation of Mobile Clean of Heart, a ministry serving the homeless, poor, and low-income communities with inadequate water, sewage, and power in the upstate area, by providing hot showers

that contribute to the dignity of the human person and promote health and well-being. A mobile shower trailer will be stationed behind the Catholic Charities office at San Sebastian Church, 2300 Old Buncombe Road, on Saturdays from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. <u>Catholic Charities</u> is actively seeking volunteers so that we can reopen this <u>program</u>. Volunteers are needed not only to welcome people, assist with shower operations, and be present with clients to create a positive community experience, but also for set up and take down of the mobile shower unit, and the laundering of towels. Volunteers can serve periodically (for example, once a month), or more frequently; and we offer various shifts to better work with volunteers' schedules. If interested please email Delia Gutierrez at dgutierrez@charlestondiocese.org or call 864.331.2629.

Your Finest Hour

Singing in the Choir. Sundays at 1100.



Contact the Very Serious Choirmaster for details: arlen.clarke@stmarysgvl.org

Saint Mary's School Gala

Save the date for Saint Mary's School 2022 Gala on Saturday 5 March!



Saint Mary's School greatly appreciates the wonderful sponsorships for the 2021 Gala, which would not have been the HUGE success it was without family and parish support. November is normally

the time when companies decide their spending support for the next year. I would like to be able to approach as many school family and parishioner connected businesses as possible in the next few weeks. If you believe your company would be a good fit, please forward me the correct person's contact information and I will be happy to reach out. Thank you for all your support of Saint Mary's School. You make us GREAT!

Please email pat.perkins@stmarysgvl.org.

Catholic Fellowship Dinner

Want to develop parish community and cultivate friendships? You are invited! The Catholic Fellowship Dinner Program at St Mary's provides an opportunity for parishioners to meet and get to know each other while enjoying a tasty pot-luck dinner. Participants agree that it is a great way to develop community and cultivate friendships. Volunteers have kept this fun fellowship activity going since the early 1990's. The program is open to all members of the parish and yes, of course your friend from another parish can come. Several dinners are scheduled each year and are held in homes, dining halls or clubhouses. The dinners are held by volunteer host and co hosts coordinated by the Fellowship committee. Our next gathering is Saturday 18 December at 6.00 pm (after the 5.00 pm Mass) in Pazdan Hall cafeteria. If you wish to enjoy a casual evening of fellowship with some really fine, welcoming parishioners, send an RSVP to Judy Lema at airamel@aol.com or 864.884.9853 that you will be attending and what dish for 12 you will bring. Also bring your favorite beverage to share. Paper products, coffee and tea are provided by a host.

Saint Mary's Church

Fr Jay Scott Newman, Pastor

Advent Vespers 5 PM

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November 28 December 5 December 12 December 19

Sung by the Schola Cantorum, Arlen Clarke, Choirmaster

Saint Mary's Catholic Church 338 West Washington Street, Downtown Greenville



St Mary's Religious Education



For More Information Contact Linda Jackson <u>linda.jackson@stmarysgvl.org</u> 864.679.4110

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday_from 6.30pm – 7.30pm. **Parents meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month.**

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds No Class today 28 November 2021

Confirmation Practice

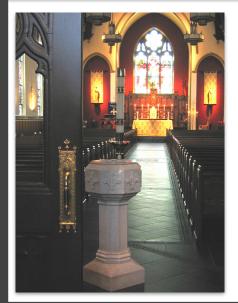
Practice for Confirmation students and sponsors is on Monday, 29 November 2021 at 6.00 pm. Meet in the Church.

Confirmation

The Confirmation Candidates will be confirmed on Tuesday, 30 November 2021 at 6.30 pm. Please keep our candidates in your prayers.

Adult Christian Formation

An Introduction to Catholicism



What is Catholicism?

Is the Catholic Faith in the Bible?

Did the Lord Jesus found the Catholic Church?

Our course called *An Introduction to Catholicism* is designed to answer these and many other questions about the origins of Catholic Christianity and the shape of Christian faith and life within the Catholic Church.

The classes meet on Wednesday evenings from 6.30 to 7.30 pm from Labor Day through Easter, and all are invited to come and discover what it means to be a disciple of the Lord Jesus in His holy Catholic Church

FOR MORE INFORMATION Contact T.J. Nielsen timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4114.

Offertory Envelopes and the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Marriage



If you no longer receive weekly stewardship envelopes in the mail, you may have been marked as **Inactive** within our parishioner database. No matter how often

you come to Mass at St Mary's, you are not considered an **Active** member of the parish unless you are registered here, attending Mass here each Sunday, and using the stewardship envelopes to fulfill two separate purposes: a) making your offertory contributions and other gifts, and b) establishing an attendance record.

Active member status in our database is essential for requesting the following:

- Parishioner tuition in the school
- Endorsement to serve as a sacramental sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation
- Baptism, Confirmation, or Marriage (for oneself or for one's children, either here at St Mary's or in another parish)

If you use electronic transfer to make your offertory contribution and other gifts, simply check the box for EFT on the empty envelope and then drop it in the collection plate. All envelopes in the collection are recorded in our parish database.

Once six months elapses without any envelopes or online donations received, the account is marked as <u>Inactive</u> and envelopes are no longer distributed. To begin receiving stewardship envelopes again, please email Sarah Perkins at sarah.perkins@stmarysgvl.org

Baptism Class



Prior to having a child baptized at Saint Mary's, you must have been registered in the parish for at least six months, attending Sunday Mass each week, using the stewardship envelopes, and participating in the life of the parish.

Baptisms take place on Saturdays at 6.15 pm after the 5.00 pm Mass. Attending a Baptism Preparation Class is required and may be attended prior to the birth of your child. For questions, contact T.J. Nielsen at 864.679.4114 or timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org.

Formed.org

Online resources are available to every member of our parish including books, movies, podcasts and more. Register at https://formed.org using our parish code: **8B7VRM**.

Church Donation Information

EFT Donation

St Mary's offers Electronic Funds Transfer through the parish website as a way to automate your regular weekly offertory donation.

EFT donation options:

Direct Debit Donation - automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account.

Credit & Debit Card Donation - make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card.

Visit the 'Make a Gift' link on the homepage of our parish website.

Mail-In Donation

Contributions can be mailed to the parish office:

St Mary's Catholic Church 111 Hampton Avenue Greenville, SC 29601

Thank you for your generosity and support.



O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church who will please you by his holiness and show us watchful care.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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An Advent Morning of Recollection

with Fr Aquinas Guilbeau, OP

Saturday 11 December 2021

8.30 am Mass in the Church 9.00 am Coffee and Pastries in Gallivan Hall 9.30 to 11.30 am Two Conferences in Gallivan Hall

Free registration is required on the parish website www.smcgvl.org/christian-formation/advent



About Father Guilbeau

Father Aquinas Guilbeau, OP is the current Prior and Assistant Professor of Moral Theology at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, DC.

A native of Louisiana, Father Guilbeau, OP, entered the Dominican Province of Saint Joseph in 2005. After several years of pastoral work in New York City, Father Guilbeau began doctoral studies in moral theology at the University of Fribourg, where he completed a dissertation on Saint Thomas Aquinas's doctrine of the common good.

Job Opening

The Greenville Chapter of Legatus, an organization of Catholic CEOs, seeks a **part-time Chapter Administrator** (approximately 10 hours/week). Duties include planning and implementing monthly dinner events, coordinating speaker invitations & travel, venue contract review, assisting chapter officers in fulfillment of their respective duties, serving as a liaison between the chapter and national office, and building rapport with chapter members. The ideal candidate has event planning and/or non-profit experience, proficiency in MS Office, executive-level administrative experience, proven creativity, the ability to meet deadlines, outstanding written and communication skills, and a customer-service focus. Please email greenville@legatus.org.

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WHO:	GROUPS NEEDED TO TAKE OVER RINGING AT KETTLE LOCATION. YOUTH ARE WELCOME! (ADULT SUPERVISION MAY BE REQUIRED BASED UPON AGE)	
WHERE:	35 LOCATIONS ACROSS GREENVILLE COUNTY	
WHEN:	NOVEMBER 18TH THROUGH DECEMBER 24TH 11AM-7PM (4 SHIFTS, 2 HOURS EACH) MONDAY-SATURDAY	
WHY:	ALL KETTLE PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE SALVATION ARMY OF GREENVILLE'S CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES AND YEAR-ROUND PROGRAMS.	
FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT BECKY CLEMENT: BECKY.CLEMENT@USS.SALVATIONARMY.ORG 864-235-4803 EXT 66119 SIGN UP ONLINE: HTTP5://TIMECOUNTS.ORG/THE-SALVATION-ARMY/EVENTS/34580 OR TAKE A PHOTO OF THE QR CODE		

Salvation Army Bell Ringer

Groups, families and individuals who are willing to spend a couple of hours, one day a week (or more), as Salvation Army Bell Ringers are needed. The Red Kettle Campaign is one of the primary fund-raising programs the Salvation Army uses to provide the necessities of life to those among us who are in need. Funds raised through donations made at Christmas kettles stay in our community, providing food, clothing, shelter and social services to aid in restoring hope and dignity to those who might otherwise remain invisible in our community. Sign up at https://timecounts.org/the-salvation-army/events/34580. Contact Deacon John at 864.679.4113 or john.heuser@stmarysgvl.org with questions.



Advent Webinar

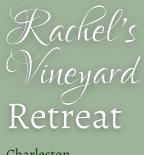
Dr Tim Gray, President of the Augustine Institute, will offer a reflection on the spirituality of the season of Advent, focusing on how we as Catholics need to live the "pre-season" well, so we can be prepared to welcome and receive the greatest gift of peace that God the Father gives us at Christmas: His Son, Jesus. This Advent study is a free sneak peek of our monthly Mission Circle Webinar Series. Join us on Tuesday 30 November at 1.00 pm. Register for free today to secure your spot live or to receive a recording of the webinar at https://augustineinstitute-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/ WN_qc479q7wR9W7MtHioV9nVw.

Daily Mass Readings

For the daily Mass readings, visit https://bible.usccb.org







Charleston December 3-5, 2021

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is a supportive, confidential, *nonjudgmental* weekend retreat for women and men who have had an abortion experience and would like *to encounter God's love*, mercy and forgiveness.

For information or to register

Christy **803.554.6088** Kathy **803.546.6010** grace4healing@gmail.com

Young Women's Advent Retreat



Join us at the Basilica of St Peter in downtown Columbia on 4 December from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm for a day of prayer, reflection, and community with other young Catholic women from across the

diocese. As we head into the Advent season of anticipation, stillness, and preparation, we will be reflecting on the person of Mary and what it looked like for her to be active and prayerful while waiting for Jesus. We are so excited to welcome Patty Breen from https://www.instagram.com/amoderngrace/ to South Carolina as she leads our sessions as our guest speaker. This event includes lunch and is open to all women ages 18-35. Please invite a friend, and we would love to see you there! Register for free at https://charlestondiocese.configio.com/pd/149/young-womens-advent-retreat. Contact Cara Lawley at 843.670.2586 or clawley@charlestondiocese.org with questions.

Nationwide Mass Times

If traveling, find mass times at a parish near you. https://masstimes.org https://www.catholicdirectory.com

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Prince of Peace

"O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!" Ps 95.6

To share a Holy hour with the Lord, contact Lisa Buss at adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org or 864.508.7123. All hours are available for adoption, but <u>please consider</u> <u>one of the following hours of need (*urgent open hour!)</u>:

> Sunday 4 pm Thursday 8 am & 5 pm Saturday 4 pm

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



Don't take a vacation from your marriage! Come learn a technique of loving communication that you can use for the rest of your lives. Fill your marriage with joy! Sign up today to attend the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on 28-30 January 2022 in North Myrtle Beach, SC. Early sign up

is recommended. For more information visit our website at https://SCMarriageMatters.org or contact us at applications@scmarriagematters.org or 803.810.9602.

Natural Family Planning Class

Register for December introductory sessions by email.

Virtual Sessions

Thursday 9 December at 7.00 pm (Greenville) napronurse@aol.com or 864.292.0475 Thursday 9 December at 7.00 pm (Anderson) lexiesawonik@gmail.com



For programming information, visit https://catholicradioinsc.com

The Clergy of St Mary's Catholic Church

Father Jay Scott Newman Pastor of St Mary's Church Dean of Greenville pastor@stmarysgvl.org 864.679.4100

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Father Bartholomew Leon Pastor of St Rafka Church Assisting Priest at St Mary's Church fatherbart@stmarysgvl.org 864.469.9119

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Deacon Clark Brittain clark.brittain@stmarysgvl.org 864.679.4120

Deacon Diego Ferro diego.ferro@stmarysgvl.org 864.679.4112 Deacon Alex Garvey alex.garvey@stmarysgvl.org 864.255.1096

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Deacon George Tierney george.tierney@stmarysgvl.org 864.679.4115

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